



STUNNED... One of the victims involved in a head-on crash Tuesday night at 11 p.m. sits stunned, waiting for the ambulance to arrive. Scene of the accident was Torrance blvd. west of Hawthorne ave. Four persons were injured. See story on page 11.

## Daredevil Stunt Man Settles for Desk Job

The uncertain, hazardous but exciting life of a movie stunt man doesn't offer much of a secure future, according to Bill Barnum, 2611 Loftyview Dr., Torrance, now employed as a personnel assistant in employment at the El Segundo division of Douglas Aircraft company.

Barnum's initiation into the realm of stunt men started in 1945 when he was assigned to the picture, "They Were Expendable."

"I spent three months in Miami, Florida, along with actors John Wayne, Robert Montgomery, Ward Bond and Marshall Thompson," Bill said. "Director John Ford had me thrown out of PT boats, jumping into flaming oil, driving caterpillar tractors over cliffs and getting blown up on sandy beaches."

"In Western pictures, if there's a fight scene in a bar, or on horseback, the assistant director assigns a stunt man to be shot, kicked in the head, or thrown out of a covered wagon. If you are supposed to yell, 'I'm shot!', you wind up with three paychecks... the extra check, the stunt man's check, and the actor's check."

According to Bill, Cecil B. DeMille is a stickler for details.

Blue-eyed Indian  
"During a shot calling for masses of Indians, I was dressed up in full headdress, complete with tomahawk, and (Turn to Page 11)

## 3 Hurt in Collision

Three persons were injured at Normandie avenue and 190th street in a two-car crash over the week-end, according to Harbor Division of LAPD.

Archie Mitchell, 65, of 25400 Oak street, Lomita, and Jimmy Riley, 25, of Gardena, drivers of the two cars involved, received minor injuries.

Receiving a possible fractured shoulder was Mrs. Neva Mitchell, 31, a passenger, according to police. She was taken to Harbor General hospital.



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COMMUNITY FAIR CANDIDATES... 'Miss Community Fair' will be chosen from among these girls. The candidates selling the most tickets to the fair will wear the queen title.

# RABIES SCARE GROWS, 4 NEW CASES REPORTED

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## BRIDE, 69, SHOOTS HUSBAND ON DARE

A 69-year-old bride fired a bullet into the neck of her 75-year-old husband early today, police said, after he said "why don't you shoot my head off?" during a domestic quarrel.

Mrs. Lottie Chappell, was booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon. Her husband, John Chappell, is in Harbor General Hospital with a .32 calibre bullet in his neck.

The shooting occurred shortly after midnight in the bedroom occupied by the couple in the home of Mrs. Chappell's daughter, Mrs. Mabel Damon, 26333 Ozone Ave. Chappell was in bed at the time and Mrs. Chappell was standing alongside, investigators said.

Police said Mrs. Chappell told them that she "went into my daughter's room, got the gun (a revolver) and shot him."

"I'm sorry I did it," she said.

The Chappells were married last April.

## Good-Bye Forever to Annexation

The Rolling Hills romance breathed its last breath this week as Torrance City Councilmen decided to let bygones be bygones and drop all further attempts to force the annexation issue.

Largely responsible for this meek sense of resignation was City Manager George Stevens' cryptic comment that "It's advisable that the city drop its plans for annexation."

This was interpreted as meaning that the city couldn't get anywhere even if it tried.

Though the reluctant bridegroom left the bride standing at the church door, he is being sent a bill of particulars to the tune of \$1,890.50. Great Lakes Carbon corp., upon dropping the annexation proceedings, promised to reimburse the city for any expenses involved.

## Civil Service Clarification Sought Here

Clarification of the local Civil Service policy was sought this week by Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton of the Torrance Police Department.

Ashton said he would appear before the Civil Service board last night to find out if the board had a set policy on promotions and examinations and what that policy was.

This step was brought to a head by the recent appointment of Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett to the post of assistant chief.

Ashton claims that according to ordinance 249, section 19-A adopted in 1952, such promotions should come from members with the rank of lieutenant or captain.

According to City Manager George Stevens, the Civil Service Board and City Council is empowered to alter this provision if an insufficient number of individuals are on the eligibility list or qualify for that list.

Both Bennett and Ashton have served more than 20 years on the local force.

## Steelworkers Back After Short Strike; Gain Pay Increase

The shortest strike in the steel industry's history came to a close Friday noon less than 12 hours after it was begun at the Torrance plant of Columbia-Geneva Steel. Workers walked out at midnight to join other steelworkers unions in a national strike.

Announcement in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by Clifford F. Hood, president of United States Steel, and David J. McDonald, president of the Steelworkers Union, that an agreement had been reached giving workers an average 15 cents an hour raise ended the strike shortly after 9 a.m. here.

Torrance's 814 workers left the plant at midnight, but did not set up picket lines. Pickets were posted at other Southland plants, however.

Shutdown Orderly

Company officials here said the shutdown was orderly, and that "all the cooperation could ask for was given in preparing to shut down the plant."

The plant's open hearth furnaces were drained and shut down prior to the walkout, and other steps taken to safeguard the equipment during the strike, officials said.

The furnaces were fired up

again Friday morning and the first heat of steel was ready by the week end.

Vic McJannett, president of Steelworkers Local 1414, was in Pittsburgh for the negotiations.

Hike In Effect

Under the new wage scales, effective July 1, 1955, the rate in job class 1 is increased 11 1/2 cents. The negotiations occurred under a reopening provision of the two-year agreement negotiated a year ago and were limited to adjustments in standard hourly wage rates. The basic agreement between the parties expires June 30, 1956.

The day after the strike was settled, United States Steel Corporation announced an increase of about 5.3 per cent in its steel prices. The new prices will go into effect at 12:01 a.m. July 6.



DR. ROLLIN SMITH, local veterinarian, succeeded Mrs. Grace Wright as president of the Torrance Board of Education this week. Charlton A. Mewborn was elected vice-president.

## ROBBERY MURDER MOTIVE

A robbery motive was suspected in the murder of John H. Glisman, 68, of 2469 248th street, Lomita, whose body was found in San Pedro by a hotel manager early Friday morning.

According to relatives, Glisman had left his Lomita home on Thursday to pick up his pension check in San Pedro.

He was not heard from after that until his body was discovered in a waterfront hotel.

His wallet lay empty beside his body which was severely beaten, according to authorities. Police say the probable cause of death was a blow to the head. Glisman was a retired dock worker.

## Fourth Finalist Chosen In Press Photo Contest

"My Buddy," combining the perennially appealing subject of children and animals, proved the fourth winning photograph in the Torrance Press photo contest.

Fourth finalist is Robert C. Jensen of 1203 Teri ave., Torrance.

Camera enthusiasts have two more weeks in which to enter the annual photo contest and win one of six prizes to be given away.

Pictures for this coming week's judging must be in the Torrance Press office by Monday, July 11, 4:30 p.m. Pictures are to be brought or sent to the Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens avenue, Torrance.

The same individual may enter one photo every week. However, once a person has been chosen finalist, he or she is no longer eligible to enter additional pictures.

Prizes

At the end of the contest, the following six prizes will be given away:

First place, \$50 cash awarded by the Torrance Press.

Second place, A Kodak DeLuxe Dual-Flex Camera kit worth \$31.95, awarded by A-1 Photo Service, 1318 Sartori.

Third place, \$15 in photographic supplies given by Photo Arts Studio, 1311 Post avenue.

Fourth, fifth, and sixth place, a \$5 cash prize each, donated by Photo Arts, A-1 Photo Service, and the Torrance Press.

Requirements

The following information should be submitted with the picture: Name, age, address, and telephone number of the individual taking the picture; identification of the scene or individuals in the picture; type of camera; speed and shutter opening (with cameras where this applies.)

Snapshots need not be of a local nature but have to be taken by residents living with

## MISS TAYLOR AND THE RABIES ISSUE

The Torrance City Council will hold a public hearing on the rabies issue this coming Tuesday. We are more convinced than ever that everyone favoring such a law must make every effort to attend the meeting and appear on behalf of the measure, as well as with the Torrance Council.

Torrance had a chance to hear Miss Estelle Taylor, a member of the Los Angeles Animal Regulation Commission and the Southern California Pet Owners League, when she spoke against rabies before the Torrance Lions club Tuesday.

Miss Taylor, who has long been a typical spokesman for the anti-rabies forces, gave us an idea of the kind of arguments these people will use at the rabies hearing before the Torrance City Council this coming Tuesday.

See story page 5.

Miss Taylor was persuasive, and could be convincing to the uninformed.

One of her "main" arguments was that a compulsory rabies law is unconstitutional as well as un-American. Apparently she has never heard of compulsory education (public or private); compulsory accident insurance; compulsory vaccination of cattle against TB; and countless others. She apparently chooses to ignore these facts.

These laws are among the most constitutional laws we have, based on the "public health, welfare, and safety" clause of the Constitution.

Miss Taylor also enjoyed indulging in an unfortunately popular present pastime of smearing your opponent by calling him "un-American."

May we remind Miss Taylor that it is un-American to label as un-American any honest difference of opinion. One of the greatest privileges of our American heritage is the right to differ.

One of the other "major" arguments which Miss Taylor brought forth was that a vaccinated dog is rabid during the two-week incubation period, and might therefore transfer rabies on anyone it might bite.

Again, this is simply not so.

Vaccines are weakened and cannot cause the disease, though at the same time giving immunity to the disease. Miss Taylor's argument is like saying that children given TB and smallpox shots spread TB and smallpox.

Miss Taylor is wrong again, we believe, when she claims that "rabies epidemics" have a way of breaking out every time such legislation is before a government body. This argument is a case of the tail wagging the dog. People ask for such legislation because of the seriousness of these outbreaks.

It is unfortunate that people with a mission often attribute the basest and the most sinister motives to those who stand in their way. Thus Miss Taylor tries to belittle the opposition by calling them "un-American and lobbyists."

The Torrance City Council will hold a public hearing on the rabies issue this coming Tuesday, July 12, at 8 p.m. in the council chamber of the Torrance City Hall, corners Cravens and El Prado.

It is essential that those favoring the ordinance appear at that hearing and also write to the council. Otherwise the Council might be swayed by the rantings of those who have always opposed progress against disease.

## Former Cop Jailed For Bum Checks

William Clair Shaner, 33, former Torrance policeman, was arrested in San Diego and returned to Torrance on charges of passing bum checks.

He has been a fugitive from Torrance since August, 1953, after allegedly passing at least \$300 in no-account checks, according to Asst. Chief Percy Bennett.

Shaner is married and has three children.

## Health Officials Worried

Health Department officials expressed grave concern this week as the rabies outbreak spread into North Redondo Beach where four more rabid dogs were picked up.

There have been six other cases of dog rabies in Torrance and surrounding areas in recent weeks.

Read what experts say on page 3.

Health Department officials are scared. Especially since the outbreak has happened in North Redondo Beach where many dogs run around loose and in packs.

"Some little kid who can't talk will get bitten one of these days and we will have a case of human rabies which is always fatal," Dr. Benjamin Kogan, local health officer for Los Angeles county, said gravely. "There is no way of telling when this thing will peter out."

Dr. Kogan scoffed at those who belittled the seriousness of this rabies outbreak and rabies in general.

"They have no ammunition," he said, referring to their arguments, "but we have an outbreak. These dogs are running loose and one day will bite someone who can't tell."

Found Rabid

The following dogs were found to be rabid. Some have died. Others are about to die:

A four-year-old boxer, cross, tan-colored, owned by Edward Martinez, 1707 Havenover, R. B. The dog died of dumb rabies June 29. At least 10 contacts were made, eight children and two adults. They are considering taking the painful Pasteur treatment now. It is the only safeguard against rabies, which is always fatal.

A mixed black terrier owned by Donna Hoots, 724 Goodman. There was at least one contact.

A brown-colored 4-year-old Pekinese, cross, owned by C. W. Knapp, 1755 Herrin, R. B. The dog is suspected of furious rabies and was picked up July 4 at 109 Polinetta, Manhattan Beach. Two children and two adult contacts are known.

A smooth-haired yellow-tan (Turn to Page 11)

She Got What She Wanted...

Looking for something? It's so easy when you use the Torrance Press classified section.

Mrs. Jean Frank of 428 West 239th street needed someone for child care and light housework.

She placed the following inexpensive ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

HELP WANTED — Woman for child care and light housework. Pensioner preferred. Live in. TE. 4-8724

The Press did the trick and Mrs. Frank got what she wanted.

You will be surprised how easy it is to solve your problems with a Press classified ad. Call FA. 8-2345 and a friendly classified sales girl will help you word your inexpensive ad just right, keeping the number of words down to a minimum.



"MY BUDDY" by Robert C. Jensen of 1203 Teri ave., Torrance, is the winning picture of the week in the Torrance Press Photo contest. The picture, taken with an Ansco Rediflex

camera, shows Jensen's sons Larry, 2 1/2 (l) and Stevie, 4 1/2, and a friend whom they met at Griffith park zoo.